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Shah Retains His Grip on Troubled Iran

Despite Growing Opposition, Only the Army Can Oust Him

By William Claiborne

TEHRAN, Sept. 15 (UPI) — Rising above smog-shrouded downtown Tehran, with its view of 19,000-foot Mount Damavand, the new headquarters of the Rastakhz Party is a monument to the one-party dream of Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, imperial ruler of Iran.

It is an imposing structure, in size and architecture, and it is topped by a broad, overhanging helicopter-landing platform as if to vaunt Iran's breakneck race into the 20th century.

But beset by construction delays and squabbling within the Rastakhz Party, the skyscraper is still empty three years after the founding of the party that the Shah envisioned as a melting pot for differing views within Iran's diverse society.

About three miles southeast of the Rastakhz headquarters, at bustling Jaleh Square, the barrel of a squat British-made Chieftain tank pokes menacingly toward surging traffic, and Iranian soldiers with automatic weapons and bayonets stand poised, bayonets fixed.

It is here that thousands of angry demonstrators scattered in terror a week ago when the soldiers opened fire with their automatic weapons, leaving the square strewn with possibly hundreds of bodies and blood-stained placards demanding "Death to the Shah."

The hauntingly empty Rastakhz building and the siege-like atmosphere of Jaleh Square provide striking images of a deeply troubled nation and underline recurrent questions about the Shah's total control of his country.

After 15 years of unshakable authority, is the Shah losing his grip on Iran? By trying to implement his much-heralded liberalization program, has he unleashed forces he cannot control?

While it would be overstating the case to



Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi

suggest that the Shah is on the verge of being run from his throne, it would be understandable to deny that a new situation exists in Iran, and that the future of the monarchy is less certain than it once was.

The Shah's "White Revolution" — the frenetic oil-fed development boom that affronted many leaders of Iran's 33 million Shiite Moslems and triggered the unrest here — is faltering. The boom has leveled out, oil production has slipped, the labor force has proved inadequate and rampant inflation has worsened the quality of life for many.

Moreover, Iran has become so ripe with land speculation, political corruption and conspicuous consumption by the favored class that thousands of previously apolitical

and poor Iranians have become disillusioned and were easily stirred into opposition by the Moslem Mullahs, or prayer leaders.

The Rastakhz, Iran's only legal political party, is in such disarray that the Shah himself at a recent press conference voiced disappointment over its development.

Even though the Shah has made clear that he is not thinking of returning to a multiparty system, some politicians have announced their intention to desert or ignore the Rastakhz and form their own splinter parties.

Although just a year ago it would have been unthinkable to call publicly for an end to the government, now deputies in Parliament are standing up boldly accusing Prime Minister Jaafar Sharif-Emani of misfeasance and of lying about how many anti-Shah demonstrators were killed last Friday.

Under pressure from the increasingly vocal dissidents, the Shah last month inaugurated his "Iranian spring," easing restrictions on freedom of the press and assembly. The result was even more challenges to the monarchy and the disastrous clash last Friday, which immediately resulted in martial law for the entire country.

While it is too early to tell whether martial law will spawn new violence and new challenges to the throne, one thing is certain: the opposition by itself cannot take over the government and the only force capable of removing the Shah is his highly trained and superbly equipped army.

Signs of Confusion

There are signs of dissension and confusion within the opposition — though they are exaggerated by the government. But there is no visible disunity in the pampered officer corps of the Iran Army, the largest in the Gulf region with more than 300,000 men plus another 81,000 in the air force.

The army is everywhere in Iran, only minutes away from any trouble. By all appears

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In Ethiopian Speech

Castro Defends His Use Of Cuba Troops in Africa



Cuban President Fidel Castro

Food Crisis is Seen Throughout Africa

NAIROBI, Sept. 15 (AP) — Cuban President Fidel Castro has made it clear that he does not intend to bow to Western pressure and withdraw the thousands of troops he sent to several African states in the past year.

In a major address in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Mr. Castro defended his military intervention in Africa as an act of solidarity and said that no Cuban soldiers were in Africa other than to defend a just cause.

Mr. Castro was in Addis Ababa to attend celebrations marking the fourth anniversary of the coup that ousted Emperor Haile Selassie. He addressed the opening session of a weeklong Afro-Arab solidarity conference yesterday.

Addis Ababa radio said that Mr. Castro hailed the triumphs and heroic action of Ethiopia's revolution which, he said, had transformed Africa into a decisive arena against imperialism.

He condemned British and U.S. plans for Rhodesia as neo-colonialists, and called the Camp David Summit among Israel, Egypt, and the United States anti-Geneva negotiations aimed against the Arab peoples.

Mr. Castro also spoke of fascism in Latin America which, he said, acted in collaboration with the CIA and multinational corporations. He said he supported the struggle of the Sandinista guerrillas trying to topple President Anastasio Somoza in Nicaragua.

To Meet Guerrillas

Ethiopian radio reported today that Rhodesian black guerrilla leaders Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe will meet with Mr. Castro, whose government has supplied arms to many nations and nationalistic movements in Africa.

The radio said, in a broadcast monitored here, that Mr. Nkomo, co-leader with Mr. Mugabe of the Patriotic Front guerrilla alliance, had arrived in Addis Ababa yesterday. It said Mr. Nkomo arrived with Romesh Chandra, chairman of the Soviet-sponsored World

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ROME, Sept. 15 (AP) — All but two of the 54 countries in Africa are in critical need of foreign help to boost domestic food production, according to a joint study by the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization and the Economic Commission for Africa.

The study, released yesterday,

surveyed the 52 so-called developing nations of Africa and found them all in need of aid.

South Africa and Rhodesia were not included in the survey. They are not FAO members and neither is regarded as a developing country.

The study expressed hope that

the other 52 nations could reach a

94 percent level of self-sufficiency in food production by 1985 and sustain that level until 1990.

It found that food production increased by only 1.3 percent between 1970 and 1977, although the population grew at a 2.6 percent rate in the period. As a result, the annual per capita rate of change dropped from plus 0.3 percent during the 1960s to minus 1.4 percent in the 1970s.

The lag in domestic food production led to reduced nutritional and dietary standards, continued reliance on international food aid and rising food imports.

They attributed Africa's agricultural problems to wars, drought

cattle disease, inadequate irrigation and shortages of livestock feed.

The 52 countries' food-import bill for 1973 totaled \$1.84 billion, causing a serious drain on their foreign currency reserves.

The region's self-sufficiency ratio in respect to food commodities, especially cereals, dropped from 98 percent in 1963 to 90 percent in 1973, the study said. Moreover, the ratio could drop to 81 percent in 1985 if recent trends continue.

The chief responsibility for overcoming the food shortage lies with the individual governments, it concluded. They should reorganize their agricultural policies to best benefit from foreign assistance.

Thousands of refugees fled southward from Leon, carrying

their belongings. Scores were camped out during the night in open fields.

The Venezuelan government,

meanwhile, dispatched four warplanes and a military transport to Nicaragua's southern neighbor, Costa Rica. Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez, who has called for international mediation of the Nicaraguan conflict, denied any hostile intentions, however.

Leon has been occupied since Saturday by Sandinista guerrillas seeking to overthrow Gen. Somoza.

The leftist guerrillas and ordinary citizens supporting them also hold the northwestern cities of Esteli and Chinandega.

The rebels have lost control of the southern city of Masaya and reportedly were repulsed in an attack on Penas Blancas on the Costa Rican border. However, they were still entrenched in Diriamba, 20 miles south of Managua, Jinotega, five miles south of Diriamba, and Rivas, 35 miles further south.

Gen. Somoza has mobilized

reserves of the National Guard, the nation's army, to counter the rebel

attacks, declared martial law and placed Managua under curfew from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. The Red Cross estimates that 500 persons

were killed in Nicaragua in the city's fighting, but Gen. Somoza admits to only 30 guardmen slain.

The National Guard has 7,500

men, and estimates of the number of guerrillas range from 300 to 2,000. But the guerrillas are backed

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Politicians Speak of a Prolonged Crisis'

Lisbon Cabinet's Fall Accentuates Role of President

By James Markham

MADRID, Sept. 15 (NYT) —

The fall last night of Portugal's ninth government since the 1974 "revolution" — a 17-day-old Cabinet of technocrats enjoying the confidence of President Antonio Ramalho Eanes — further sharpens the clash between the chief executive and the country's squabbling political parties.

It also risks eroding the slim

prestige of democratic government in Portugal.

In a harsh speech in Parliament

before his government's program was rejected by a vote of 148-75,

Premier Alfredo Nobre da Costa lashed out at the parties and belittled the work of the disputatious

National Assembly during the last

two years.

"Exaggerating considerably, there

may be a maximum of a half million people affiliated to political parties," asserted the for-

mer industrialist, who had carefully assembled a Cabinet that reflected both rightist and leftist tendencies. "But there are approximately 7 million voters."

The unmistakable suggestion was

that Mr. Nobre da Costa's govern-

ment represented the 61 percent of

the electorate that voted for Presi-

dent Eanes in 1976.

The president is the only figure

who can claim a mandate to speak

for the majority of Portuguese. In

April, 1976, Mario Soares' Social

Democrats emerged as the largest party

with only 35 percent of the vote.

They share dropped two percent-

age points in subsequent municipal

elections.

Mr. Nobre da Costa's stillborn

government was felled by an alliance

of the Socialists and the rightist

Center Democrats, who had formed

a coalition government that

fell apart two months ago in a dis-

pute over land reform policies.

But their attacks on the new

Cabinet came from different direc-

tions, with the Socialists contend-

ing that it represented a "rightist

and reactionary dynamic" and the

Center Democrats arguing that

three of its ministers were crypto-

Communists.

Growing Apathy

The Communists, for their part,

after formally rejecting the govern-

ment's program, declined to join the

Socialists' motion.

The only supporters of the new

Cabinet were the rightist Social

Democrats. Only a few months

ago, their leader, Francisco da Car-

neiro, was heatedly accusing Gen.

Eanes of plotting a "Yugoslav-

style" leftist take-over in Portugal.

Now he insists that the next gov-

ernment must be formed "under the

auspices of the president of the

Republic."

The average Portuguese, strug-

gling with rampant inflation and

watching his real wages fall steadily,

may perhaps be forgiven for

finding all of this a little confusing

and even irritating.

Party politicians were given a

warning of growing apathy in the

electorate when 60 percent of vot-

ers in the northeastern town of

Mirandela did not show up at the

polls on Sunday despite major ef-

forts by Lisbon-based leaders to get

them out. The Social Democrats

won Mirandela's city hall, while

both the Socialists and the Center

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Cubans' Reunion Ends Separation of 18 Years

MIAAMI, Sept. 15 (AP) — After 18 years of separation, waiting and hope, the news came by telegram, written in that terse, emotionless style governments often use. "Onorio Valdez and Elaine coming 9 a.m. 14 Sept."

For Walter and Theresa Fedorko, the long wait was almost over. Mrs. Fedorko's mother and stepfather, Elaine and Onorio Valdez, were to be part of the first group of dual nationals — those holding U.S. and Cuban citizenship — to leave Cuba in 11 years.

About 130 dual nationals and family members arrived in Miami yesterday from Havana. About 900 others are expected to follow on later flights.

In 1966, Cuban President Fidel Castro decided to consider the dual nationals strictly as Cuban citizens. But overtures by several U.S. officials persuaded Mr. Castro to allow them to leave, and Onorio and Elaine Valdez — who had not seen their relatives since 1960 — were scheduled for the first flight.

Plane Arrived Late

The plane arrived somewhat late, and there was another delay as the refugees were cleared by U.S. Customs.

As the refugees finally emerged and walked through a crowd of well-wishers and reporters, there were happy shouts of recognition, tearful embraces and several spontaneous choruses of the Cuban national anthem.

Mrs. Fedorko attempted to keep smiling, but her hands — constantly twisting a wet kerchief — signaled her concern. Almost all the refugees had cleared customs, and her mother and stepfather were not among them.

Then, the metal doors slid open one more time and an elderly couple — stumped at the bright television lights — stepped tentatively into the room.

"Mama, Mama," Mrs. Fedorko called. "Over here. Here."

After a half-minute emotional greeting, officials gently led Onorio and Elaine Valdez toward a bus that would take them to a hotel where they would be officially turned over to the Fedorkos.



One of many joyful reunions at the Miami airport.

From Baltic Sea to Czechoslovakia

East Germany Completes 635-Mile Fence on Border

By Drew Middleton

HOF, West Germany, Sept. 15 (NYT) — The East German government has finished the border fence that runs 635 miles from the Baltic Sea to the Czechoslovak frontier.

The fence is a testament to the power of totalitarian rule. But with its watchtowers, its lethal devices, its constant patrols it is also a reminder of the fundamental insecurities of Communist governments.

For the fence, constructed at an estimated cost of \$500,000 a mile, was built not to bar entry by the U.S. or other armies of the North Atlantic alliance, but to prevent East Germans from escaping to the West.

Since they began building the fence early in this decade, the Germans have added a new device to discourage would-be escapees.

At intervals of six meters along the fence are innocuous looking white boxes. Each of these contains a firing mechanism for what the U.S. 2d Armored Cavalry patrols here describe as shotguns.

"They got one [escapee] a while back," a U.S. soldier said. "It took the East Germans damn near two hours to gather up what was left and cart it away."

As an added disincentive to escape, the East German government has ringed every village and town near the frontier with a fence. Permission to enter the village or town is granted by police at the main gate only during daytime hours.

Yet, long before these fences, more than 100,000 were injured.

similar to that which runs along the frontier, were erected, the East German government said that it had evicted all "politically unreliable" persons and sent them and their families to the interior of the German Democratic Republic.

In Liebau, a village near Coburg, the East German government found the villagers too independent — and too close to the frontier. So the authorities razed the village and moved its inhabitants a few kilometers to the east.

The East German efforts to prettify the towns along the frontier show the influence of their Russian advisers, who invented the Potemkin village.

Near Hof, the walls of a factory facing West Germany are painted a gleaming white. But the inquisitive tourist can see through field glasses that the other walls of the factory remain a dull gray.

Beyond the fence is a double strip of concrete paving. Along this, at irregular intervals, passes a po-

lice jeep of the East German border police. There are watchtowers at intervals from which border guards gaze through binoculars at every passing car or interested tourist who stops to look into East Germany.

Razor Sharp Edges

The East Germans have added a last sadistic refinement to the wire fence. The upper edges of the wire are razor sharp. Any escapee trying to cross a handhold would lose his fingers and, when he had activated the gate and down, the old road.

At the end of the road, the truck sailed into a tiny stream, throwing the driver clear. He splashed downstream and under a bridge where the customer next week, the driver roared down the hill and through the gate and down, the old road.

Despite these hazards seven East German border guards and 11 East German civilians have managed to get through the fence in the last nine months by various means.

They defied not only the shotguns and the razor-sharp edges of the fence but also ravenous German shepherd dogs left to run loose in certain sensitive areas.

According to Western intelligence, the border guards are drawn from the most politically reliable elements in East Germany. Yet, seven have managed to get across and no one this side of the fence knows how many have tried and failed.

Driver Goes West

One man took an unorthodox road to freedom. The driver of a beer truck delivering to one of the East German towns had stopped at the top of a steep hill. At the bottom was a curve to the right and beyond that straight ahead an old

Skateboarding Banned by Oslo

OSLO, Sept. 15 (UPI) — Skateboarding today became illegal in Norway. Importing, selling or advertising skateboards also are banned.

The Product Control Council, saying that skateboards have caused deaths and accidents in street traffic, called a temporary ban six months ago, shortly after U.S. producers introduced the toy to Norway.

The council said that 28 children died in skateboard accidents in the United States last year and that

invasion at the invitation of President Tito.

Sweden King Ends Visit

BELGRADE, Sept. 15 (UPI) — King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden left Yugoslavia today following a state visit at the invitation of President Tito.

Anticommunist

Police found Mr. Alunni, known as "the man of many faces," while investigating a pickpocketing complaint of June, 1977, by Bologna architect Massimo Turrichi. Mr. Alunni was living under Mr. Turrichi's name and was carrying altered documents based on the architect's identity.

Antiterrorist police were also questioning a woman who was arrested last night, when she tried to visit Mr. Alunni. The woman, Maria Zoni, had been one of two regular female visitors to Mr. Alunni's apartment, police said.

Miss Zoni, a French teacher at an elementary school here, declared herself a "political prisoner" and a

Elections were expected this summer or in the autumn. Winter elections are usually shunned in this bitterly cold northern climate.

The 58-year-old Trudeau, a political maverick throughout his career, declined to pinpoint the exact election date he has in mind for next spring. The law does not require him to announce it until 59 days beforehand.

Unfavorable Corner

Once again he is going against political tradition, which holds here that leaving elections until the end of a term paints incumbents into an unfavorable tactical corner. Mr. Trudeau is betting that the standing of his Liberal Party will improve, or at least not worsen, between now and next spring, when his room to maneuver in timing the election will be at a minimum.

There is no indication that the test case of the Nobre da Costa Cabinet, which continues in a caretaker role, has resolved the latent conflict between the president and the parties that is built into the constitution. In Lisbon, politicians speak of a prolonged crisis, and there is a growing consensus that the only outcome may be early parliamentary elections, due on present schedule in 1980.

Article 198 of Portugal's constitution stipulates that the president cannot dissolve the National Assembly and call new elections until a government's program has been rejected three times or three governments have fallen through censure or confidence motions.

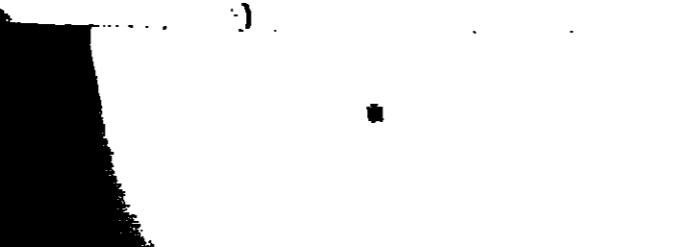
It follows that many options remain to be exhausted before elections must be called. A period of great uncertainty and instability looms, at a time when Portugal badly needs to tackle severe economic difficulties.

The current impasse has no obvious solution. No dominant party or personality, committed to democracy, is politically ascendant. The Socialists and Center Democrats have ruled out a repeat of their earlier coalition, while Mr. de Carvalho has offered little hope of collaborating with other parties unless Gen. Eanes is given a leading role to play.

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*Capitol Hill Project***Callers Jam U.S. Hotline To Protest Federal Rules**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 — The electrical engineer from Missouri complained that he no longer had any freedom of choice. The retired from North Dakota was irked about what he thought was too much protection for whooping cranes. The North Carolina cotton mill executive was worried about standards for cotton dust. They were among several thousand

U.S. to Add 4 Digits to Postal Codes

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (UPI) — Letter-mailers will be asked to begin adding four digits to zip codes in the next 2 1/2 years in a move to cut costs and automate mail-sorting, the Post Office Service announced.

The new nine-digit zip codes will enable letters to be sorted down to individual street blocks.

"We're not unmindful of the burden and nuisance numbers are looked upon by the public — our Social Security number, bank account numbers and everything else," Postmaster General William Bolger said.

"We're pointing out, though, that we're trying to find a way to hold postage costs down and consequently hold postal rates down while we continue to expand in the growth in our conventional mail system."

Director of FBI Urges Delay on Releasing Data

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (UPI) — FBI Director William Webster called for a moratorium on release of investigatory files to protect government informants against reprisals.

Mr. Webster said yesterday that there has been a significant reduction in the number of informants because of information released under the Freedom of Information Act.

"For example," he said, "6 percent to 7 percent of requests for information come from prisoners trying to determine who informed on them. An organized crime group has a scientist trying to determine the information excised from material released under the FOIA," he added.

"I'd like to suggest that the act be amended so investigatory files compiled for law enforcement purposes be granted a moratorium so that when closed, they would not be the subject of Freedom of Information Act discovery for a period of, say, 10 years," Mr. Webster told the Federal Bar Association.

U.S. Marines Report Faults In Recruiting

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (AP) — The Marine Corps said yesterday that an investigation of its recruiting system disclosed about 2,500 "excessive enlistments" during the last two years and promised corrective action.

While asserting that this was only 3 percent of the nearly 74,000 enlistments during that period, Gen. Louis Wilson said: "The investigation . . . has disclosed deficiencies in our personnel procedures that we are capable of correcting."

"We will do so," said Gen. Wilson, commander of the 190,000-member corps, in a letter to Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., chairman of the Senate Armed Services subcommittee on manpower.

Marine investigators defended the overall performance of 1,961 recruits and reported finding no evidence of large-scale malpractice.

Cruise Missile Test Fails for 3d Time

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (AP) — The Navy has reported its third flight test failure of a Tomahawk cruise missile in less than two months. One test, in late July, succeeded.

Yesterday, a Tomahawk flopped seconds after being launched from an island off Point Mugu, Calif., at the Pacific Missile Test Center.

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UPENDING WINDS — Gust from approaching typhoon flings a Japanese high school student at Japanese-Taiwanese track and field meet in Kyushu, in southern Japan, while students yesterday were setting up a mat for the high jump event. Three students were hurt.

Authenticity Debated Before House Panel**Testimony Conflicts on Oswald Photos**

By Robert L. Jackson

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 — A House committee heard conflicting testimony yesterday on the authenticity of photographs showing Lee Harvey Oswald holding his alleged murder weapon in the backyard of his home in Dallas.

The so-called "backyard photos" of Oswald, a subject of controversy since the 1963 assassination of John F. Kennedy, were termed "fakes" by Jack White, a Dallas photo specialist and advertising executive who has studied them for more than 10 years.

But photographic experts retained by the House Select Committee on Assassinations testified that the snapshots were authentic.

Mr. White refused to speculate on who would connect such photos, which police said were found in Oswald's garage soon after his death.

Mr. White told the committee that his studies showed that

Oswald's head and face seemed identical in two separately posed photographs. He used blowups to show that Oswald's shadows and other background features appeared to match perfectly when the two pictures were overlaid.

'Sophisticated Fake'

Oswald's face and another person's body appear to have been pasted on the same background, Mr. White said. The purpose of the "fake" he said, would be to link Oswald to the Italian-made murder rifle found shortly after the slaying of Mr. Kennedy.

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Pravda Attacks Kennedy For 'Quiet' Diplomacy

By Charles R. Babcock

MOSCOW, Sept. 15 (UPI) — The Soviet Union directed a thinly veiled attack today at U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., for suggesting that his so-so quiet diplomacy might help free 18 Soviet families who have been refused permission to emigrate.

The attack was made in a commentary published by the Soviet Communist Party daily Pravda.

Although Sen. Kennedy was not mentioned by name, Western diplomats said there was no question that the commentary was aimed at him.

Sen. Kennedy was in the Soviet Union last week and, on his return to Washington, said that Soviet officials had given him assurances that they would review the cases of 18 families who had been denied permission to emigrate.

Pravda suggested that the senator was attempting to "pose as a champion of human rights" and recommended "simple tact" to him.

Pronouncements of some politicians of the United States, including congressmen, have appeared again in the American press in the past few days on the possible departure from the Soviet Union of a number of persons who expressed the desire to move to Israel or the United States.

"Whatever the motives behind the desire of this or other leaders to pose as a champion of human rights — and no matter how alluring such a possibility would seem to him — the essence of the matter does not change," Pravda said.

The Soviet Union will allow nobody to be a judge or lawyer in matters which concern only itself. There is no need for us to adopt someone else's laws or to look for prophets in foreign lands," it added.

Western diplomats said that, without doubt, the Pravda article was aimed at Sen. Kennedy, but they were puzzled as to the reasons for it. They noted that Sen. Kennedy was given red-carpet treatment throughout his Soviet tour and was the first U.S. legislator to meet Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev in more than two years.

Mr. Kirk, supervisor of photographic services for the Washington Metropolitan Police Department, said that these studies were aided by two additional photos of Oswald and his rifle that the committee obtained earlier this year.

Oswald's widow, Marina Oswald Porter, who concluded her appearance before the committee yesterday, said that she had taken all the photographs in the spring of 1963.

Joseph McNally, a New York handwriting expert, said that an inscription on the back of a snapshot appeared to match Oswald's handwriting.

Skeptical comments about the photos have appeared during the last 14 years in many books and articles critical of the 1964 Warren Commission report on the assassination.

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By Robert A. Rosenblatt

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 — The House gave the airline industry a big boost yesterday, approving a special ticket tax to finance the purchase of a new generation of quiet aircraft.

The major U.S. airlines could receive as much as \$4 billion in tax revenues in the next five years to meet tough federal regulations on noise. This should provide a space of new orders for the big plane manufacturers — Lockheed, McDonnell Douglas and Boeing — already prospering from the expansion plans of a healthy airline industry.

The House voted 272 to 123 for the Airport and Aircraft Noise Reduction Act, completing action on the bill. A companion measure in the Senate is awaiting action in the Finance Committee. The key provision of the House bill is a 2 percent tax on all airline passenger tickets and freight shipments on domestic routes.

Ticket prices would not be increased, because passengers currently pay taxes of 8 percent for airport improvements. The bill would redirect a portion of that money for use in getting a less noisy jet fleet.

An airline could use tax revenues to pay for 25 percent to 40 percent of the cost of a new plane. Money from the tax also would be available to modify existing jet engines to meet the strict noise regulations that will take effect in 1985. However, most companies are expected to purchase new jets.

New Jobs Predicted

Nearly 1,600 aircraft would be replaced or modified, Rep. Glenn Anderson, D-Calif., sponsor of the bill, said yesterday. Replacement of McDonnell Douglas DC-8s and Boeing 707s now flying would generate 45,000 new jobs, either in direct production or through related economic activity, Rep. Anderson said.

Supporters of the bill said it would ease the problems of people living near airports, who suffer physical, emotional and financial damage from noise. The government has promulgated rules ordering noise reduction, and the people who fly should pay for the extra costs imposed on the airlines, the bill's backers argued.

But opponents denounced the bill as an unwarranted gift to a single industry, with the government acting as a tax collector for the benefit of private companies.

Automobile manufacturers, electric utility companies and industrial firms will ask for special taxes to cover the cost of combating pollution, the opponents said. They argued that any company affected by

government cleanup rules will ask for a special tax levy.

The bill would be expected to raise \$3 billion to \$4 billion in taxes in the next five years, depending on the volume of airline traffic. Individual companies' shares would depend on the number of seats in

their aircraft that failed to meet the noise rules.

The largest beneficiaries would include TWA, \$172 million; United Airlines, \$600 million; American Airlines, \$607 million, and Pan American, \$398 million.

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Woman Ties Carter Aides To Vesco Friends in U.S.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15 (WP) — A secretary said under oath yesterday that she typed and mailed letters and placed telephone calls to President Carter's confidants Hamilton Jordan and Charles Kirbo for a group of Georgians trying to help fugitive financier Robert Vesco with his legal problems.

The secretary, Gerolyn Hobbs, 22, is a key figure in the dispute between the White House and communist Jack Anderson over allegedly improper approaches to the Carter administration on Mr. Vesco's behalf.

Miss Hobbs told attorney Gregory Glynn of the Securities and Exchange Commission under oath yesterday that she remembered typewriting the letters to Mr. Jordan and Mr. Kirbo in early 1977 because "I was impressed by the names. They were important people."

Mr. Kirbo, the Atlanta attorney who is President Carter's closest unofficial adviser, and Mr. Jordan, who is a white House aide, deny receiving the letters.

Manila Envelope

In the Manhattan courtroom of U.S. District Judge Charles Stewart, Miss Hobbs testified also that she remembered receiving a manila envelope from Mr. Jordan at her Albany, Ga., office some time after she had mailed the Feb. 9, 1977, letter to him.

Until early this year, Miss Hobbs was secretary to R.L. Herring, a Vesco associate in Georgia. She said that Spencer Lee IV, a close friend of Mr. Jordan, often visited Mr. Herring's office during the period.

She said of the envelope from Mr. Jordan, "I feel like his name was on the outside." She said she did not open the envelope.

The White House has dismissed yesterday's testimony as "old and very tired charges," the Associated Press reported.

Action Denied

Mr. Kirbo and Mr. Jordan have denied taking any action for Mr. Vesco. Mr. Anderson has said he has no evidence that anyone in the Carter administration "lifted a finger" to further the alleged effort by Mr. Herring and Mr. Lee.

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Responsibility in Rhodesia

American policy in Rhodesia is in a shambles. The effort, with Britain, to rope all the parties into a controlled transition to an elected majority-rule government has never seemed further from success. From time to time, the mixed black-white interim government in Salisbury and its guerrilla challengers nod at the Anglo-American summons to an all-parties conference. But the offer has not had enough appeal — or force behind it — to cause either side to make the necessary adjustments. The internal people feel that an all-parties conference would merely receive their surrender. The guerrillas feel a conference would restrict the triumph they bid to gain in the battlefield. The "safety net" that its sponsors have always figured a conference to be seems now all but untied at the ends.

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Perhaps events will turn around: A conference may yet help salvage something for those Rhodesians (conceivably a majority) who earlier seemed ready to cast their lot with the internal administration, and it may diminish the intensity of the civil war among guerrilla groups that seems likelier by the week. Perhaps. But if that does not come to pass, and even if it does, the United States must face up to its miscalculations. It is not just that American (and British) officials overestimated their capacity to perform a diplomatic mission akin to changing a wheel on a speeding car: That is at least forgivable. They failed to seize the fleeting moment in which just conceivably the two sides had a roughly equal stake in experimenting with a

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No one who has looked closely at the Rhodesian scene would argue that the future there was the United States' to mold. It is the local actors who, in their arrogance and ambition and fear, have made the birth of Zimbabwe tragic and wracking. Yet, the United States and Britain have made their own separate contributions to this painful process, and although they do not suffer from it as the people of Rhodesia-Zimbabwe will and are, they have a responsibility, too.

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Mr. Kirbo On Call

President Carter tends to turn almost reflexively to his most trusted adviser, Atlanta attorney Charles Kirbo, when tough problems require especially careful handling and more top-level attention than the president himself can give. In putting the nearly bottomless scandal at the General Services Administration in that category, Mr. Carter is absolutely right. The question is whether Mr. Kirbo's particular brand of detachment from the Washington scene equips him to make the kind of judgments and provide the kind of advice Mr. Carter is most likely to need.

For one thing, Mr. Kirbo has no standing in the chain of command; he is not officially accountable to anybody. So it was hardly surprising that his appearance on the scene immediately sparked concerns about possible White House interference with the current investigations of alleged bribes, kickbacks and other crimes. Mr. Carter evidently did not anticipate how quickly the specter of Watergate-type obstructions of justice can still arise. Such fears may be entirely unfounded; at least so far, nobody has suggested that the Carter White House has any wrongdoings at GSA to cover up. But the principle involved is sound in any case. There is no proper place in a criminal investigation for an unofficial White House overseer — especially one who, no matter how close to the president, is still a private citizen and a lawyer with corporate clients who do business with GSA.

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Attorney General Griffin Bell recognizes the need to avoid even the slightest appearance of impropriety. He said firmly last week that Mr. Kirbo will have "no role" in the Justice Department's investigations, no access to information derived from criminal probes and no involvement in any prosecutions. Mr. Kirbo's role, as clarified, will be to

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International Opinion

Cautious Confidence

The World Bank's latest annual report is pervaded by a sense of cautious confidence. One of its major themes is the success of the majority of developing countries in riding out the recession of 1973-75 and their unexpected resilience in the face of dramatic changes in the world economy.

In particular, the bank says that developing countries have outpaced the industrialized countries in terms of economic growth in recent years, and that many of them are likely to continue to do so in the 1980s.

Many developing countries are deeply disappointed with the limited progress so far in

From the Financial Times (London).

In the International Edition

Seventy-Five Years Ago

September 16, 1903

LONDON — Mr. Balfour's government is prepared to claim the right of retaliating against foreign powers whose tariffs are expressly aimed at destroying or hampering British commerce. But the proposal to establish preferential tariffs within the Empire is to be indefinitely postponed and will form no part of the collective policy of the government. It remains, therefore, to be seen how the decision can be reconciled with the position repeatedly affirmed by the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Chamberlain.

Fifty Years Ago

September 16, 1928

BOSTON — Bobby Jones, all conquering Atlanta, Harvard graduate and the perfect golf machine, continued his annihilating progress through the world's best amateurs by overwhelming Phil Perkins of England to gain his fourth United States Amateur Golf Championship, making it 24 out of 25 United States amateur matches he has won since 1924. Playing in his most brilliant form and conjuring magic from his putter, Bobby demonstrated that he is the greatest golfer in the history of the ancient Scottish game.



Moscow Relishes Tolstoy, Mushrooms

By Kevin Klose

MOSCOW — The 150th anniversary of the birth of Leo Tolstoy is being celebrated this month throughout the Soviet Union, and the efforts befit this giant of letters, whose vast novels, intricate plots and bold characters have in the minds of millions of Westerners epitomized the complex panorama that is Russia.

For days, Soviet press and television have carried tributes, laudatory essays and films of many of his works, including the classic epics, "Anna Karenina" and "War and Peace."

Tolstoy occupies a unique and revered niche in the pantheon of accepted geniuses of the arts, whose works may be read in the Soviet Union without fear of official disfavor.

The aristocratic novelist's position is based on his strong sympathies for peasant life, his attacks on the Russian Orthodox Church and his eventual excommunication.

Impressive Statistic

Soviet commentators delight these days in telling their audiences once again that the United Nations has determined that Tolstoy is the most translated and probably the most widely read author in the world.

Despite this impressive statistic, it is nearly impossible to find his works on the shelves of Moscow books stores — not because of unusual demand, it seems, but because plans for special commemorative editions may have slipped.

The city's largest and fanciest bookstore, House of Books, on fashionable Kalinin Prospekt, has none of the promised souvenir Tolstoy works, and other stores showed only a random volume or two on the shelves. In this regard, the author's works are simply among a lot of other items of life which people sometimes yearn for here, but frequently cannot find.

Vote to Renegate

The days from Sept. 1 through Sept. 20 are known here as Babi Letta, or "grandmother of summer," the Russian equivalent of Indian Summer. During her brief reign, the weather is thought to be warmer and the chance of snow zero. While the trees are changing fast to the soft yellows and browns that mark fall here, it indeed has been quite warm despite chilly nights.

The farmers' markets, where peasants compete for customers with the official state stores — and generally show a wider selection, better quality and frequently better prices — are piled high with the fruits and vegetables of the harvest season. The air is alive with the brisk pungencies of fresh dill, scallions, onions and parsley as well as sweater aromas of peaches plums and apples.

The kerchiefed babushkas tending stalls with their shrewd stares and inviting chatter are in the height of their glory, with plenty to sell and purses fattened with profits to carry back to their hamlets and isolated villages in the countryside.

Private Plots

The hard winter days, when the cold will bring open sores to the lips of the outdoor stallkeepers, are somewhere in the future.

Peasant plots, amounting to just a small fraction of all the cultivated land in the Soviet Union, account for more than a third of all the vegetables and fruits sold at market. So important are the private plots to the economy that Leonid Brezhnev guaranteed their existence in his new constitution passed last year — a form of capitalism that is anathema to strict Communist Party orthodoxy.

But the notion of competition for the kopecks of tight-fisted Moscow housewives has a noticeable impact on the peasants. Produce in the state stores seldom looks as good as it does in the farmers' stalls, where the women wash their vegetables and set up handsome displays to catch the eye of the discerning shopper. Such tidiness and effort seems almost out of place in the drab state stores, with their bored or sometimes rude attendants.

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The woods of the city and its sprawling region are filled now with mushroom hunters, seeking what is perhaps the crowning joy of this time of year. No fewer than 10

edible varieties of mushroom can be commonly found here. As it has been a very good year — although not a great one, according to the best-informed — the variety staggers the mind.

Without showing the slightest hesitation, Russians of all ages and callings will hunt confidently among the cool shadows of the woods, forests and parks of the area for their favorite delicacy.

The familiar names of these fungi are wonderful.

There are "Under the Pines" mushrooms, and "Under the Birches" mushrooms. There are mushrooms called "Meat" and those called "Pigs' Ears"; white mushrooms and brown, Chernushka and Leschitsa, and mysteriously, Opyata, which translates roughly as "Again" mushrooms.

Once safe before the home hearth, the mushrooms meet a variety of fates, any of which delight the palate. They are roasted or fried, chopped and garnished, baked, split and dried for another day, pickled, salted, garlicked and preserved. Some Russians chomp them raw on the spot, or in the field, or share them with office-mates.

The Grandmother of Summer rules with gusto, just before fall.

Survey of Moral High Ground

By George F. Will

WASHINGTON — Enough of sobriety, gentle reader. Let us turn, instead, to the recent convention of the American Political Science Association. "Let other pens dwell on guilt and misery," said Jane Austen, and so say I, turning to the APSA's business meeting in New York earlier this month.

In 1976, the APSA, always energetic about occupying the moral high ground, declared that it would not convene in any state that refused to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, as long as ERA was pending before the states. This strategy of trying to buy ratification reflects the understandable reluctance of ERA supporters to rely on their arguments about the merits of the amendment.

But in 1973, APSA contracted with the Palmer House, a Hilton hotel in Chicago, to convene there in 1979. In 1976 Illinois had not (as it still has not) ratified ERA, but the deadline for ratifying was March, 1979, before APSA's autumn convention, so APSA assumed that ERA could not be pending at convention time.

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Vote to Renegate

However, it now seems possible that Congress will extend the deadline to 1982. Faced with the prospect that ERA might be pending and unratified in Illinois in autumn, 1979, the APSA this month voted by a 4-1 margin to renege on its Palmer House contract.

Hilton sent a tough (well, semi-tough) talking fellow to threaten to sue APSA — unless APSA agreed to meet in another Hilton Hotel. But Hilton also sent another fellow to say how much Hilton valued APSA's friendship. This demonstration of the fiber of the business community left APSA convinced that Hilton was not to be taken seriously.

The International Herald Tribune welcomes letters from readers. Short letters have a better chance of being published. All letters are subject to condensation for space reasons. Anonymous letters will not be considered for publication. Writers may request that their letters be signed only with initials but preference will be given to those fully signed and bearing the writer's complete address. The International Herald Tribune cannot acknowledge letters sent to the editor.

Had the vote gone against Chicago by less than a two-thirds margin, the issue would have been submitted to the entire APSA membership by mail ballot, and the outcome might have been different. APSA business meetings have a peculiar composition: Imagine the political temperaments of people whose idea of a well-spent Saturday afternoon is one spent passing resolutions in a hotel ballroom.

The meeting overturned a ruling by the chairman that support for ERA violates APSA's constitution, which stipulates that APSA will not stand on "questions of public policy," except regarding academic freedom and freedom of expression.

Not even political scientists can believe ERA is such a matter, but the majority at the business meeting was at least evenhanded. It showed as much contempt for its constitution as for its contractual obligations.

Next, the meeting rejected overwhelmingly a proposal that APSA not participate in the International Political Science Association's 1979 meeting in Moscow.

Those opposed to participation argued the inappropriateness of holding a political science convention in a nation where political science is

impossible. (Free investigation of say, power relations or interest groups in Soviet government is unimaginable.) They also argued that to hold the IPSA meeting in Moscow at a time of increased repression, and when many natural scientists are refusing to go there, would amount to scolding against the protest movement.

Those who favored going to Moscow used the arguments and rhetoric that have been used for about 61 years. From the IPSA:

"... Influence on the growth of international dialogue and increasing levels of mutual knowledge, tolerance, and the reduction of extreme aspects of ethnocentrism... contributes to the building of bridges of trust and confidence..."

"... From the U.S. State Department: ... Influence Soviet and Eastern European behavior on human rights by continuing contacts."

So it came to pass that political scientists, having voted to shun Chicago in the name of "human rights," voted to go to Moscow.

By this time all but the most avid activists had drifted away into the scented dusk of Manhattan and the meeting looked like something left on the beach by the tide. Fortunately, someone had the wit to notice the absence of a quorum. That dissolved the meeting before it could vote to condemn the University of Maryland, without any investigation, for not giving the chairmanship of its political science department to a Marxist who believes that to understand Marxism is to accept it.

"But, my dear sir," cried Mr. Weston (in Jane Austen's "Emma"), "if Emma comes away early, it will be breaking up the party." "And no great harm if it does," said Mr. Woodhouse. "The sooner every party breaks up the better."

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Pessimism

On Future

Rises in U.S.

By James Reston

WASHINGTON — Every once in a while somebody produces a public opinion poll in America that makes you wonder. For example, the Department of Labor has just published one that is both surprising and disturbing. It suggests that the American people are not only troubled about the present, but are losing their natural optimism about the future.

The interviewing for this survey was conducted by the Roper organization right after the passage of Proposition 13 in California, and was analyzed by Public Research Inc., a private nonprofit organization under contract to the Labor Department.

Among the conclusions of the survey were the following:

"The American people feel..." it said, "that the United States is not as well off today as it was five years ago. This sense of backward movement for the nation is not new. This trend has been picked up in these ratings since 1971."

Alarming

"What is new, however, and alarming," the survey adds, "is the finding that, unlike all previous measures, the public feels that things are not going to get any better in the future."

Well, we all have our individual judgments on the value of public opinion polls, but if this survey means anything, it is news of considerable importance. For it says some other things that, if true, must make us wonder where we are going.

For example, it finds that while there is a general anxiety in the nation about the future, the blacks are more optimistic about where we are going than the whites; the lower-middle-income people are more optimistic than the rich; and what's probably the most worrying of its conclusions: that the young are more pessimistic than the old.

In trying to explain this pessimism, the Labor Department's survey found that all people were startled by the influence of inflation, and the rising cost of living, even before the problem of unemployment.

Next to inflation and the cost of living, crime and violence and threat to life seemed to worry most Americans. The third concern was "the tax burden on working Americans [particularly in the Middle West]," followed by the cost of medical and health care, particularly by the people over 60 and those with incomes of less than \$7,000 a year.

It is interesting to compare these anxieties in American life with what existed a generation or so ago. There is unemployment, but never in the wildest imagination of the past have so many people been employed — now over 90 million — as there are at the present time.

No Major War

There are troubles between nations, but no major war or threat of major war exists. There is no military conscription in the United States.

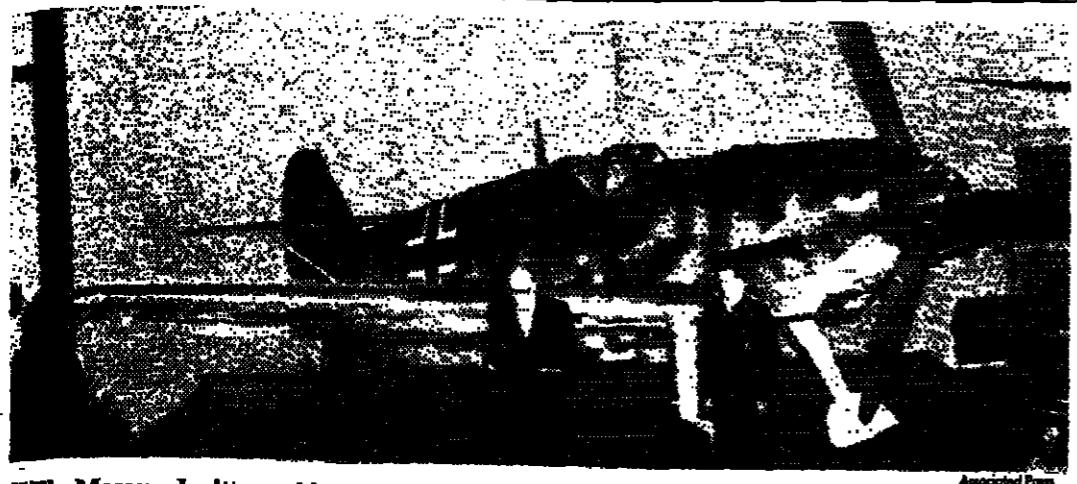
Why, then, all this despair and pessimism, particularly among the young? Unlike their parents and grandparents, they are not being asked to tear up their private lives and go into the army. And never in the history of the republic have so many jobs been available to so many people, black or white.

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single true democracy on our planet. Why? Because the parliaments are elected under the one-man, one-vote system, number against quality, fate equality, freedom confused with license, and refusal to follow the guidance of a true spiritual hierarchy.

Since the politicians in place and the vested interests must keep the public ignorant in order to maintain the success of their inexhaustible lust for power, humanity will have to learn by woes what it did not learn by wisdom. It is absolutely obvious that the present situation cannot last much longer. The apocalyptic times have begun, and the cosmic laws will operate the necessary destructions and renewals before the end of the century.

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Associated Press
Willy Messerschmitt speaking in Munich in 1960 beside one of his ME-109 fighters. The German-built plane had just been presented to the Deutsche Museum by the Spanish Air Force.

Obituaries

Willy Messerschmitt, Aircraft Designer



Willy Messerschmitt
in 1978 photo

Mr. Hornby, 80, had taught English literature in Japan in the 1920s. He began compiling his dictionary when he found that his students could read Shakespeare and Dickens but could hardly write or speak English.

His book, now entitled the "Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary of Current English," is the biggest seller of all the publications of the Oxford University Press.

Lt. Gen. George Hays

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (UPI) — Retired Army Lt. Gen. George Hays, 85, who won a Medal of Honor during World War I and commanded the 10th Mountain Division in Italy during World War II, died on Sept. 7 at his Pinehurst, N.C., home. He had suffered from cancer.

Gen. Hays was a lieutenant with the 3d Division in the second Battle of the Marne in 1918. During a heavy enemy bombardment, he helped maintain contact with neighboring U.S. and French units.

According to his Medal of Honor citation, "while thus engaged, seven horses were shot under him and he was severely wounded."

During World War II, he was commanding general of the artillery of the 2d Infantry Division for its landing at Omaha Beach in Normandy on D-day plus one. He later commanded the 10th Mountain Division during heavy fighting in the Apennines, helping to clear the way for the U.S. 5th Army's advance in Italy.

Gen. Hays also received the Purple Heart, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star and Oak Leaf Cluster, and British and French decorations. He retired from the Army in 1953.

Albert Sidney Hornby

LONDON, Sept. 15 (AP) — Albert Sidney Hornby, whose dictionary for students of English is a best seller, died in a London hospital on Wednesday. His family has announced.

After Less Than a Year

Soviet SST Taken Off Passenger Route

MOSCOW, Sept. 15 (UPI) — The Soviet Union has taken its supersonic Tu-144 airliner off its first passenger route, indicating that the plane may be having troubles.

The Aviation Ministry and the Soviet Civil Aviation Ministry today confirmed reports that the supersonic aircraft has been removed from the Moscow-Alma Ata route inaugurated last Nov. 1.

"The Tu-144 is now carrying out special flights only, according to the planned program," said a spokesman for the Civil Aviation Ministry. He added that further news about the plane would be available in the Soviet press.

An Aeroflot spokesman confirmed that the aircraft was no longer making its 1,550-mph flights between Moscow and Alma Ata, the capital of Kazakhstan.

But he did not say why the plane was pulled off the route and assured that he did not know when or if it would resume normal service.

Testing Purposes

The supersonic airliner was put on the Moscow-Alma Ata route primarily for testing purposes. The route carried the plane over sparsely populated regions where sonic booms would cause less annoyance.

The Aviation Ministry originally intended to put the Tu-144 into passenger service as early as 1975, but the schedule was delayed because of fuel consumption, vibrations and noise problems.

But the plane had serious problems even before that.

The Soviet supersonic program suffered a major setback in 1973 when a Tu-144 prototype exploded and crashed into a residential sub-

UN Rights Unit To Carry Out Cambodia Probe

GENEVA, Sept. 15 (UPI) — The UN Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities today decided to carry out a study of reports charging Cambodia with blatant human rights violations.

The subcommission, a parent body of the Human Rights Commission composed of 26 independent experts, adopted a resolution at the end of a three-week annual session calling for "an analysis of the 1,000 pages of materials" it received on mass killings, forced deportation and other violations in Cambodia.

Working on the Problem

Alexei Tupolev, the designer of the plane, was the flight. "We are working on the problem," he said.

He also said the sonic boom created when the plane passed the speed of sound "is no different than a thunderclap — so it is no different than nature itself."

Even after the inaugural run, scheduled flights of the supersonic plane were repeatedly canceled by authorities who claimed weather conditions were too poor for landing in Alma Ata.

However, subsonic Soviet airliners were substituted and landed successfully there.

Toll Rises to 33 In Manila Crash

MANILA, Sept. 15 (UPI) — Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos drove here by car today from a countryside birthday celebration, 24 hours after a presidential plane crashed trying to make the same trip.

The presidential Fokker F-27 aircraft plowed through part of a suburban Manila village into a pond yesterday, killing 33 persons.

Officials tonight halted a search for bodies. They had found 21 dead among the plane's passengers and crew, and 12 bodies among the villagers.

Russia Said to Move Orlov to Strict Camp

MOSCOW, Sept. 15 (UPI) — Imprisoned Soviet dissident Yuri Orlov, 53, has been moved from Kaluga Prison south of Moscow to a strict regime labor camp in the Ural province of Perm, his son Dmitri said today.

Mr. Orlov was a founder and chairman of an unofficial group set up to monitor Soviet compliance with the human rights provisions of the 1975 Helsinki accords.

The union leader, Tor Halvorsen, said the government's policy had the unions' blessing.

A price hike of 4-to-5 percent was expected due to cost increases abroad, pushing up the cost of imported goods. Norway had annual inflation rates of around 10 percent in past years.

Norway Freezes Wages, Prices

OSLO, Sept. 15 (UPI) — Norway's Labor government today declared a 15-month wage-and-price freeze, backed by the trade unions and the main opposition parties.

The austerity package touched off speculation that the Norwegian krona may be devalued. The bill, to be voted on in October when Parliament debates the national budget, has full Labor Party support. Party chairman Reidulf Steen said the government plan will take effect immediately.

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Congressman Reveals Presents, Denies Park Coverup

By Ellen Hurne

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 — Denying charges that he had lied to conceal a \$1,000 cash gift from Korean businessman Tongsum Park, Rep. Charles Wilson, D-Calif., testified yesterday that he received other cash gifts while serving as a congressman, including a previously unreported \$500 present from an aerospace lobbyist.

"I'm not ashamed of receiving this," he said at a hearing by the House Select Committee on Ethics about the Park payment. "It's not illegal . . . I had no reason to remember that or any other [gift]."

Asked by Rep. Bruce Caputo, R-N.Y., if he had accepted other cash gifts during his congressional career, Rep. Wilson replied: "I have received cash gifts in the past . . . I can't recall how many or what the circumstances were."

Pressed further, Rep. Wilson recalled that an executive of Northrop Corp., Donald Page, had paid \$500 to Trade Vic's restaurant in Washington to help for Rep. Wilson's wedding reception there in November, 1975.

Asked if he had reported the money as income, Rep. Wilson said: "No, it was a gift."

Lobbying Mission

Rep. Wilson said that Mr. Page, a personal friend, had come to Washington from Los Angeles to do "some corporate relations" and "conducting California representatives at the time."

Attorneys for the committee said later that they could not determine, without further information, whether the Page gift had violated either federal law or House regulations.

Craig Bradley, a lawyer at the University of North Carolina who had interviewed Rep. Wilson on July 20, 1977, as a Justice Department attorney, testified: "Mr. Wilson made the flat statement that he had never received anything from Tongsum Park."

Documents indicated yesterday that Rep. Wilson also failed to report the gift in a questionnaire that he returned to the committee eight days later.

"The mistake I made was an innocent one," he said, explaining that Mr. Park gave him the \$1,000 in U.S. and Korean currency during his wedding trip to Korea. He described the period as a time "of great excitement," whose events still remain "for the most part, a blur."

An FBI report of the July 20, 1977, interview with Rep. Wilson indicated that he had remembered meeting Mr. Park during the wedding trip, but had not mentioned the gift.

Rebutting the committee's charge that he had lied deliberately, Rep. Wilson emphasized that he had voluntarily notified the committee of the gift when he remembered it last January.

Committee lawyers charged that

Rep. Wilson notified them of the gift only after he had learned from newspaper reports that Mr. Park was going to testify against sitting members of Congress.

But Rep. Wilson countered that he had visited Korean President Park Chung Hee last November to

ask his cooperation in extraditing Tongsum Park to testify before the committee.

"Why would I attempt to expedite Tongsum Park's return for questioning by the committee if I wanted to keep the present a secret?" Rep. Wilson said.

Drawing Additional Government Income

Taxpayer Unit Lists Congress 'Dippers'

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (UPI)

— At least 46 members of Congress are "double dippers" or "triple dippers," the National Taxpayers Union said yesterday.

The NTU, a non-partisan taxpayer lobby, defines a "dipper" as a congressman who earns his \$57,500 salary and draws income from one or more other government sources.

Rep. Charles Bennett, D-Fla., returns his monthly \$1,109 check, which accounts for more than 100 percent disability, to the Treasury.

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Rep. Charles Bennett, D-Fla., returns his monthly \$1,109 check, which accounts for more than 100 percent disability, to the Treasury.

Rep. Eldon Rudd, R-Ariz., has

his FBI pension of \$3,742 deducted

from his congressional salary.

from Mr. Park in 1974, failed to report the contribution and may have pocketed the money instead of adding it to his campaign funds. He called it a "mistake in judgment."

But Rep. Roybal denied that he had lied under oath earlier this year in trying to cover up the payment.

"I testified at the time on what I believed to be the facts, and was in no way trying to deceive the committee," he said.

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Elberg Expects Exoneration

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (UPI)

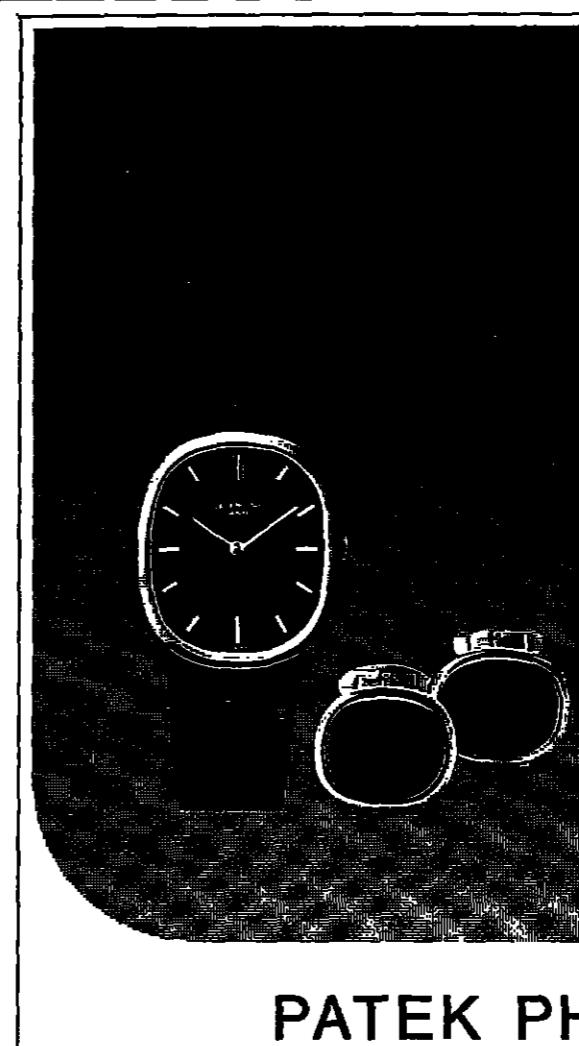
— Rep. Joshua Elberg, D-Pa., says that he is confident of being cleared of charges brought by the committee and asks voters in his Philadelphia district to make a "fair and careful judgment" in November.

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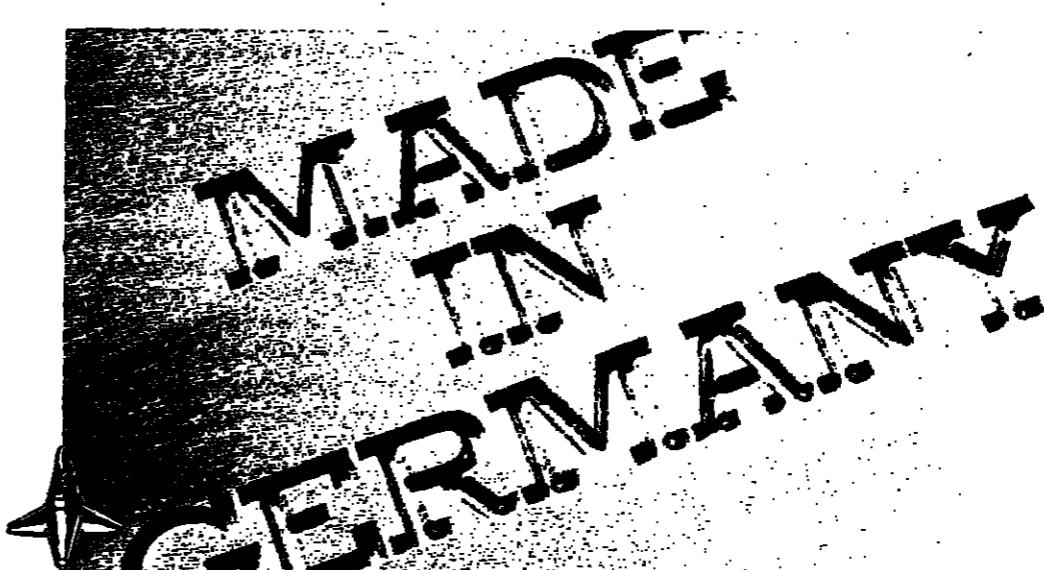


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Vetoed Defense Bill Is Rewritten**Funds for Nuclear Carrier Dropped by Senate Panel**

By George C. Wilson

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (WP) — The Senate Armed Services Committee, quickly following the lead of the House Armed Services Committee, yesterday pushed aside President Carter's newest list of requested weapons and approved instead the vetoed defense bill minus the Nimitz nuclear aircraft carrier.

With the \$2 billion for the Nimitz deleted and \$209 million added to pay shipbuilders' bills, the rewritten measure, if passed by the full Congress, would authorize the Pentagon to spend \$35.2 billion on weapons and research in the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1.

Although most of the rest of the \$126 billion that Mr. Carter sought for defense will be covered in a separate appropriations bill pending in Congress, the loss of the Nimitz money will keep the president from reaching his announced objective of increasing the fiscal 1979 defense budget by about 3 percent over the current year.

The Carter administration pledged to NATO allies earlier this year that the United States would increase its defense spending by 3 percent a year after allowing for inflation, in fiscal years 1979

through 1984 to combat the steady Soviet military buildup.

With the full House and Senate virtually certain to go along with the smaller bill, Mr. Carter will have to request additional money for defense to boost his fiscal 1979 total to \$126 billion.

Defense Secretary Harold Brown, at a Senate committee hearing yesterday, repeated that the president was "likely" to request supplemental funds "no later than this January."

The administration tried to take a legislative shortcut by sending to Congress a "wish list" of weapons and research to be financed by the \$2 billion saved by deleting the Nimitz. But Chairman John Stennis, D-Miss., of the Senate Armed Services Committee said that it was too late in the legislative session for Congress to consider such a long list of projects.

Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., told Mr. Brown that it was "regrettable" that the net effect of the president's veto was "an overall decrease in military capabilities" when "everybody for the first time" seemed persuaded that defense spending should be increased.



BATTLE NOISE — A new traffic sign was set up near Chaux, Switzerland, so that motorists would not be alarmed by anti-aircraft guns. A Swiss Army exercise ground is located nearby.

Peking Demands Hanoi Take Back Refugees**Some Vietnamese Said to Flee to China**

By Fox Butterfield

HONG KONG, Sept. 15 (NYT) —

Chinese refugees who have fled from Vietnam to China in the last few months are a number of ethnic Chinese, Chinese sources here claim.

These sources, overseas Chinese with relatives among those who have escaped to China, say that the Vietnamese refugees are a source of trouble in the camps and hostels where they have been sent. Some have reportedly become involved in petty thievery and hooliganism in

their new overcrowded housing in China.

It is unclear why these Vietnamese should have fled into China, but the sources say that some of them, from as far south as Saigon, simply sought refuge with Chinese friends after a crackdown on middle-class urban residents last spring. Some others may be members of tribal minorities who live on the Vietnamese side of the mountainous border.

Driven to China

China's negotiator in talks in Hanoi over the conflict between China and Vietnam has demanded that the Vietnamese side take back "Vietnamese citizens" who have been driven to China by it.

But Vietnam's chief representative to the talks, which began a month ago, Deputy Foreign Minister Hoang Bich Son, rejected the Chinese demand Tuesday. Mr. Son said that China could not arbitrarily

first claim that Hanoi was persecuting ethnic Chinese in Vietnam and then, "whenever the need arises," call them "Vietnamese citizens."

The argument over whether some of the refugees are really Vietnamese and what should be done

with them is only one of the issues in the talks, which appear to have made no progress. Tuesday's session was the sixth.

In addition to the talks, analysts here also are carefully watching maneuvers by China's South Sea Fleet, which has been reinforced in recent months and is operating not far from the Vietnamese coast in the Gulf of Tonkin. The maneuvers are said to be part of annual Chinese training exercises, but they are also reportedly causing alarm in Hanoi.

The analysts remain skeptical about the risks of open fighting between China, with its 900 million population, and Vietnam, with 50 million. But if there is conflict, the analysts surmise, it is more likely to come at sea than on land.

[Radio Hanoi] said that armed Chinese vessels entered Vietnamese waters yesterday and attacked fishing boats with mines and hand grenades. United Press International reported.

No casualties were reported, but the broadcast said that some fishing equipment was destroyed, according to UPI. The reported incident followed charges by Vietnam Wednesday that Chinese gunboats fired at a group of Vietnamese fishermen, killing one of them.]

Taking care of the unexpected influx of 160,000 refugees has evidently put a great strain on China's economy in Canton. About 3,000 refugees are reportedly quartered in a small modern hotel, with only the earliest arrivals having beds.

The Chinese authorities have advised the refugees that they will not be able to feed them after Sept. 30, according to Chinese relatives in Canton.

In the talks in Hanoi, China's Deputy Foreign Minister, Chung Hsi-tung, the head of the Chinese delegation, offered a four-point proposal that essentially reiterated earlier Chinese demands.

Peking wants Hanoi to stop "persecuting" Chinese residents in Vietnam, to take back those refugees who want to go home, and to recognize what China claims is a 1955 agreement with Hanoi that assures all ethnic Chinese in the southern part of the country Chinese citizenship if they

want it.

The 1955 agreement is a key issue. Hanoi denies its existence, as its chief delegate repeated Tuesday.

According to Peking, it was made by the Vietnamese Communists after the late Ngo Dinh Diem, then

president of South Vietnam, unilaterally declared all Chinese in the

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Although Many Regret Trend

By Roy Reed

LONDON, Sept. 15 (NYT) — Britain's policemen have long been famous for the weapons they do not carry. Traditionally, they have disdained guns.

That is changing, to the sorrow and consternation of Britons in and out of the police force. In a growing number of special cases, the police have begun to carry guns. They have been involved in a number of shoot-outs with criminals and political terrorists during the last several years.

Some authorities believe that the British police will all be armed in a few years. The pros and cons are already being debated. Those who favor it point to increases in terrorism and armed crime.

Armed policemen — only foreigners and headline writers call them "policemen" — are still a rare sight here. The men and women who patrol London's downtown streets never carry guns. Those are the friendly favorites of the tourists, some of whom remark on how much more relaxed they are in asking directions of a policeman who is not wearing a pistol on his hip.

But sensitive government offices and certain high-risk foreign offices are now protected by armed officers. A rash of terrorist violence in London has brought a demand for more armed policemen.

The city a few years ago was a target for the bombs of the Provisional Irish Republican Army. Since the IRA activity has subsided here, London has become a minor battleground for Middle Eastern extremists bent on assassinating one another.

British citizens are seldom involved in the assassination attempts. But several bystanders on a London street were injured recently when a group of Arab terrorists wielding guns and grenades attacked a crew of the Israeli El Al. The attack brought more demands for arming the police.

British criminals once preferred stealth to arms, but that seems to be changing in spite of strict gun-control laws. The London area recorded 925 armed crimes last year.

That might appear laughable in some U.S. cities, but it is taken seriously.

"Another argument is that if we are armed then it will encourage more armed criminals," he said.

"Again, total nonsense. Look at Switzerland. All the police are armed there. Isn't it just a little significant that their citizens are among the most law-abiding in the world?"

A different opinion came from David Helm, the deputy assistant commissioner in charge of London's uniformed force. "Not a single senior officer of this force wants to see it," he said.

Evidence Indicates Matter Will Collapse**X-Rays Back Closed-Universe Theory**

By Malcolm W. Browne

NEW YORK, Sept. 15 (NYT) —

A team of astronomers has reported powerful new evidence from an orbiting astronomical laboratory that the universe is "closed," and will eventually contract on itself to crush all matter into a single point.

The evidence was presented this week at a meeting of the American Astronomical Society in San Diego.

Last February, the satellite's sensitive X-ray telescope focused on two very distant galaxies in the constellation Aries, known as Abell 401 and Abell 339. Both galaxies

were known to emit X-rays as well as visible light, and observations were made to coincide with the passage of the moon between the galaxies and the satellite.

Moon Blocks Signals

In this way, as the moon progressively blocked out the signal from various parts of the galaxies, the X-ray strength and exact source could be plotted.

Instead of coming entirely from the two visible galaxies, the astronomers found that much of the X-ray radiation was coming from a vast invisible region between the two island universes.

That means, the investigators concluded in their paper, that an enormous cloud of invisible matter rather than nearly empty space exists between the two target galaxies.

The cloud emits no visible light, but it is so hot — hundreds of millions of degrees — that it emits tell-tale X-rays.

Taken with other observations during the last year, the finding strongly supports the hypothesis that the universe is closed, according to Dr. Herbert Friedman of the Naval Research Laboratory team.

In the last decade or so, most astronomers have become convinced that the universe began about 16 billion years ago with a cosmic explosion (known as the "Big Bang"), from which all matter and energy emanated from a single point, expanding outward ever since.

But a controversy has persisted as to whether the universe is "open," expanding indefinitely and forever, or whether its headlong expansion will one day slow, stop and reverse itself in the "closed" model.

Matter Measurement

There is universal agreement that the question can only be decided by knowing how much matter there is in the universe. Einstein's general theory of relativity predicts that if there is only a small amount of matter in the universe, its mutual gravitational attraction will be too weak ever to pull it together again, and matter will escape itself, like a rocket leaving the Earth.

But if the universe contains more than a certain critical mass, then gravity will be sufficient to slow its expansion and pull it together, like a ball thrown into the air that falls back to the ground. Until last year, the preponderance of evidence favored the "open" model of the universe, because astronomers could

not

see

it.

The findings reported by Dr. Friedman and his colleagues seem certain to have a profound effect on the thinking of astrophysicists and even theologians.

Some theologians argue that a closed universe would seem inconsistent with the existence of God or divine purpose, since an elliptical cycle of Big Bang explosions and contractions would mean all events would randomly repeat themselves over and over again.

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**PEOPLE IN BUSINESS**

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Closing Prices September 15, 1978

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Volkswagen Strikers Return to U.S. Plant

NEW STANTON, Pa., Sept. 15
(UPI) —A two-day wildcat strike at the Volkswagen Westmoreland-assembly plant near here ended today as nearly 2,000 employees returned to work, apparently heeding pleas from their union.

A spokesman for Volkswagen of America Corp. said that under an agreement reached yesterday with the United Auto Workers negotiating committee, "management representatives are in each department inside the plant . . . to discuss any problems that may be raised by employees."

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Boston Is 1½ Games Back**Yankees Beat Tigers, Red Sox Lose**

DETROIT, Sept. 15 (UPI) — Craig Nettles hit a pair of home runs off Jim Slaton last night to spark the New York Yankees to a 4-2 victory over the Detroit Tigers and increase their American League East lead over Boston to 1½ games.

Ed Figueroa raised his record to 17-9 with his fifth straight victory by pitching four-hit ball for seven innings. Rich Gossage relieved following a 43-minute rain delay between the seventh and eighth innings and was tagged for two runs before Sparky Lyle finished up for his ninth save.

Slaton, 15-11 in what is his best season, gave up a leadoff double to Mickey Rivers in the first and the swift center fielder came around on

a flyout and Lou Piniella's groundout.

Chris Chambliss singled to start the second and Nettles followed with his 24th home run of the season. Slaton retired the next 13 batters in a row, hit Randolph and retired three more batters before Nettles hit a 3-0 pitch for his 25th homer. It came with one out in the fourth.

Gossage walked Phil Mankowski and Ron LeFlore drilled a one-out

sing to right, with both runners scoring when Lou Whitaker stroked a double off the fence in left center. Lyle came in and walked Rusty Staub but got Jason Thompson to ground into Detroit's third double play. It was only the second save since June 15 for Lyle.

New York has now won 8 of 9 games, 18 of 21, and has a 41-15 record since July 19, when it was 14 games behind Boston. The Yankees' record under Bob Lemon is 36-14.

Indians 4, Red Sox 3

AT CLEVELAND, Sept. 15 (UPI) — Top seed Virginia Wade led the way into the final four of the \$100,000 Toray Silkwood women's tournament here today.

Wade, a former Wimbledon champion, was joined here by the second and third seeds, Wendy Turnbull and Betty Stove and unseeded Martina Redondo.

All four lost a set before getting through their quarterfinals and both Stove and Turnbull were taken to last-set tiebreakers.

Stove escaped through against Virginia Ruzici, 6-1, 6-1, 7-6 while Turnbull beat Carrie Meyer, 6-3, 6-7, 6-3.

Wade played erratically against Jeanne Duvall, who worried her with some powerful ground strokes, but she settled down in the final set to win, 7-5, 4-6, 6-1. Wade said: "My game was a little patchy. I played well at the start then relaxed too much."

Brewers 4, Orioles 3

AT MILWAUKEE, Sept. 15 (UPI) — Mike Caldwell pitched a six-hitter for his 19th victory and Robin Yount and Charlie

Moore knocked in two runs each, leading Milwaukee to a 4-3 victory over Baltimore. Milwaukee broke a 1-1 tie with three runs in the second, chasing Scott McGregor on singles by Cecil Cooper and Sixto Lezcano, a walk and a two-run single by Moore. Yount singled home the third run of the inning off Dave Rabbins.

Royals 5, A's 1

AT KANSAS CITY, Sept. 15 (UPI) — Amos Otis homered and singled twice, driving home a pair of runs, to help Kansas City complete a four-game sweep of Oakland with a 5-1 victory. Otis capped a string of five straight singles during a three-run second in-

ning against loser Steve Renko and added his 21st homer of the year leading off the fifth. The center fielder has now hit in 14 of the last 15 games, with five homers and 24 RBIs.

White Sox 6, Mariners 5

AT SEATTLE, Sept. 15 (UPI) — Chet Lemon drove in three runs, helping Chicago survive a four-run Seattle ninth for a 6-5 triumph. Steve Stone gave up just two hits, one of which was Bruce Bochte's eighth-inning homer, before being replaced by Lemire LaGrow with one out in the ninth. Leon Roberts and Bochte added two-run singles in that inning before the veteran put down the rally.

Braves Beat Giants, Bouton Is Winner

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 15 (UPI) — Jim Bouton won his first major-league game in eight years yesterday, pitching the first six innings in the Atlanta Braves' 4-1 victory over the fading San Francisco Giants.

Bouton, out of baseball from 1971 until 1976, was called up from Atlanta's Savannah farm club a week ago. He was shelled by the Dodgers in his first start on Sunday, but the 39-year-old knuckleballer held the slumping Giants to only three hits and did not allow an earned run in his six innings yesterday.

Craig Stok and Gene Garber relieved and saved Bouton's first victory since July 11, 1970, when he pitched one inning of relief for Houston. The team he beat then was the Giants.

Angels 16, Rangers 1

AT ARLINGTON, Sept. 15 (UPI) — In the American League, at Arlington, Texas, Rick Miller and Lyman Bostock each batted twice and drove in three runs as California defeated Texas in a 16-1 romp.

The Angels scored 13 times on 10 hits off five Texas pitchers in a record ninth inning. The explosion, aided by two Texas errors at the start of the ninth, set an American League record for ninth-inning runs.

Reds 8, Brewers 4

AT MILWAUKEE, Sept. 15 (UPI) — Mike Caldwell pitched a six-hitter for his 19th victory and Robin Yount and Charlie

Moore their sixth straight loss and ninth in 10 games.

Pirates 7, Cardinals 4

AT PITTSBURGH, Sept. 15 (UPI) — Phil Garner hit a bases-loaded home run to back the combined seven-hit pitching of Jim Rooker and Kent Tekulve and spur Pittsburgh over St. Louis, 7-4. The Pirates' third victory in a row kept them four games behind first-place Philadelphia in the National League East. Garner's grand slam, the first of his major league career, came in the sixth inning when the Pirates broke a scoreless tie with five runs off Bob Forsch.

Pirates 7, Cardinals 4

AT PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 15 (UPI) — Bake McBride hit a double, his ninth home run and drove across three runs as Philadelphia beat Chicago, 11-5, and lowered the "magic number" for clinching the National League East title to 13 games.

Reds 8, Reds 1

AT SAN DIEGO, Sept. 15 (UPI) — At San Diego, Broderick Perkins

and Jerry Turner each drove in two runs and Bob Shirley and John D'Aquisto combined to throw a six-hitter as San Diego beat Cincinnati, 8-1.

Houston 8, Reds 1

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Ali Seeks Spinks' Crown**Champion Jousts With Boxing's King**

By James Tuite

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 15 (WP) — The end of the road — a long, bittersweet stretch paved with gold but roughened by potholes and detours — is at hand for Muhammad Ali.

If Ali loses to Leon Spinks tonight, as he did in Las Vegas last February, the career of the most heralded athlete of the last half century will crash to an inglorious end.

But if Ali should resurrect from his 36-year-old body the skills that made him king of the boxing world for almost two decades, he will become the first heavyweight to win the most coveted bauble in sports for the third time, a fitting finale for his theatrical ego.

Thus, the stage is set for a pychodrama that will be attended by 50,000 in the Superdome here and watched by countless millions of prime-time television viewers. Television executives expect 45 percent of U.S. homes to be tuned in for the scheduled 9-round fight.

Ali knows he is fighting on borrowed time. He was grim and silent yesterday morning for the chaotic

weigh-in ceremony in the Hilton Ballroom, at which he scaled 221 pounds, 3 fewer than he carried into his previous fight with Spinks.

The 25-year old champion weighed 201, 5 more than for the stunning upset seven months ago in which he scored a split decision.

Both seemed sharp and taut, Ali despite his age and Spinks despite an undisciplined training regimen that included the disco scene and bar-closing the week of the fight.

How do the bookmakers feel about all this? They have installed Ali as a 2-1 favorite, some late Spinks money having knocked a half point off the odds in the last few days. Las Vegas, where gambling is legal, offers little action but a better must put up \$11 to win \$5 if he picks Ali, and put up \$5 to win \$9 if he picks the champion.

The dudes are all here, sashaying around, with their women in gauzy fashions that have brightened the fight scene from Madison Square Garden to Manila, and from London to Zaire.

For them, and particularly for the gaggle of fight-camp followers that have lived off of Ali during his lucrative career, the end of an era beckons. Win or lose, Ali has said, he will retire.

He has said it many times before but his pride, his ego and his need for money have lured him back. This time, the people close to him say, he means it. "This is my last day of training for fights," he said yesterday. "I expect to retire after I defeat Spinks, mainly to be the first black man to retire as world heavyweight champion, and the first man to do it three times. After I wipe out Spinks, there is no need for me to hang around."

How will he do it? "No rope-a-doping this time. I haven't rope-a-doped since I've been in training Center of the ring, that's the place. Sticking and moving. Hitting the rope and bouncing off. I gotta dance. Dancing. Moving. Sticking."

Ali lost his last fight because he thought he could drain Spinks of his energy with a bit-and-run strategy. The reverse happened. All tired at the finish and Spinks was able to summon the reserve energy of his youth to oust the champion.

Ali has been training hard but his body protests and his reflexes argue back. "Look," he told the crowd at his Municipal Stadium workout, "I'm in better shape than when I was 22, the best shape of my life." But he has been getting hit regularly by sparring partners ("You've got to get hit in practice or you can't handle it in a real fight," he says) and his weariness shows after a few rounds.

Further, Spinks has a bob-and-weave style that Ali has always found hard to handle, the kind that Joe Frazier employed in giving the champion 14 of his most difficult rounds in the "Thrilla in Manila" before succumbing. Some experts say that Ali has never been the same after that fight.

The manager of Larry Holmes, who probably will fight the winner of Friday's match, summed up the feeling of the fight fraternity. Chuck Spaziani, who is also a lawyer, said: "I'd like to see Ali win and retire. I'd like to see the old guy go out with some glory. I hate to see a guy go out as a loser, be-

cause if he does quit he still makes a lot of money with commercials and endorsements. He deserves that much."

Spaziani believes that Ali looks solid but "his eyes are not as crystal-clear as I'd like them to be. I don't think he's worked that hard."

Don King, the boxing promoter who has joined forces with Madison Square Garden, is not counting Ali in his future programs. "If he wins," said the glib and colorful King, whose hair always looks as if he had his finger in an electric socket, "I will be on top of him to quit and retire, that could be the crowning achievement of his illustrious career. He shouldn't continue for no amount of money. He will have a priceless title and a priceless image to go out of the ring with. Six million dollars is not enough to threaten his longevity."

Spinks agreed that Ali should quit the ring if beaten again. "I think it will be God's way of telling him to get out," said the former Marine, who had become much more valuable as he matures.

Spinks, who has frequently been in trouble with the law on minor charges, said he just wants to make some money and get out."

"I was raised in the ghetto," he said. "I think of those days and I

don't want to go back to them. I'm going through what Ali went through when he first won the title. But I'm my own man. I'm not going to try and be somebody else. Ali is a promoter and a world figure."

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Art Buchwald

The Pom-Pom Draft

WASHINGTON — A new element has been added to pro football. Thanks to the showmanship of the Dallas Cowboys, female cheerleaders have become as important as the teams and every pro football club owner is determined to present the sexiest girls that money can buy.

This competition is so fierce that there is now talk of the National Football League holding a draft for college cheer leaders similar to the one they hold for players. The team with the worst cheerleading records would have the first picks of the new crop. There are trades now going on between the cheerleader coaches in the NFL, and every pro organization is looking for someone to bolster its line.

I was in the office of the coach of the Washington Redskins, and there was a great flurry of activity.

The coach was on the phone to the Los Angeles Rams. I heard her say, "Harriet, we need an offensive pom-pom girl. We'll give you two baton twirlers and a 1979 draft pick in exchange for a six-foot blonde with a 40-inch bust. No, we don't want her. Our scouts say she uses silicone. What about Genevieve? We hear she's fighting with the other girls and wants to move to Washington. I'll trade you Candy and Susie for her. What do you mean they're too old? Candy and Susie are in their prime. They haven't dropped a baton in six games. If they don't get injured, they're good for four more seasons. Get back to me because I may make a deal with the Boston Patriots."

The Redskinette coach told her secretary to get the St. Louis Cardinals' cheerleader coach on the phone. "Mabel, how would you like

a defensive redhead who can do handstands? Joe Namath says she has the best legs in pro football. She can do Saturday Night Fever in four minutes flat, and the ABC cameras had her on for 30 seconds while Howard Cosell was talking about Muhammad Ali. What do I want in exchange? Do you have a Brunette who can do cartwheels and splits? No, I'm not selling a dog. We've got too many redheads on the squad now, but we're weak on Brunettes. We've got one cartwheel. Honest. To Pepe Mabel, I hate to trade her, but I can only use her at halftime, and she says if she can't dance during the entire game, she doesn't want to sit on the bench. No, I can't offer you our first draft choice for 1980. We gave her away to Baltimore for Miss Maryland of 1971. We needed some depth during the TV commercial breaks. Will you get back to me?"

One of the Redskins' assistants came in. "Mary, Helen wants to be put on waivers. She just broke up with one of the Redskins, and she says she doesn't have the heart to cheer for our team any more."

"Oh God," the coach said. "We built Souza's entire 'Washington Post March' number around her. Can't we find her another player?"

"She said she wants to go?"

"Does Cleveland have anybody we want?"

"They have a kicker who's out of this world."

"How are her hips?"

"Terrific. She gets more applause when her back is to the crowd than when she's facing it. And she can wiggle heranny to the 'Marine Corps Hymn.'

"Why would Cleveland want to trade her?"

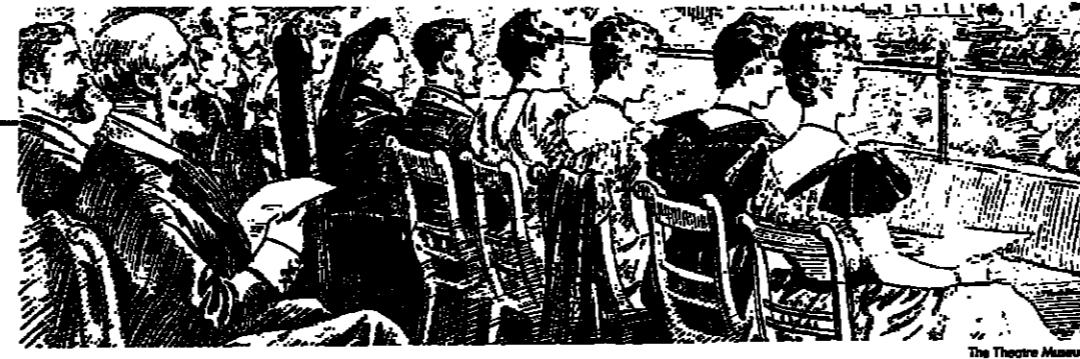
"She fumbles a lot."

"All right, I'll call Cleveland. Is there anything else?"

"The Women's Lib delegation is still sitting out in the hall on the floor waiting to see you."

"What on earth do they want to talk to me about?"

"Beats me."



At a performance of "Becket" by Tennyson at Windsor Castle (1893).

The Queen Was Exceedingly Delighted

LONDON (IHT) — Queen Victoria's most famous utterance was, "We are not amused." But in fact she often was.

"I was MOST EXCEEDINGLY DELIGHTED," she wrote after hearing Malibran sing on her 16th birthday.

"We were all in fits of laughter," she wrote after seeing a comedy in the '50s at Windsor. In London, Berlioz' "Benvenuto Cellini" unfortunately had the same effect:

"It could only be compared to the noise of dogs and cats! The two acts kept us in fits of laughter, owing to their extreme foolishness."

Another French evening, Coquelin in a comedy, provoked more laughter, friendly this time: "There is nothing like the French for that kind of thing. We laughed very much."

Long Life

Throughout her long life Queen Victoria was an enthusiastic audience, and a new book, "Queen Victoria Goes to the Theater" by George Rowell (£2.95, Paul Elek, London), details her tastes during her many years as a spectator, for she never set foot in a theater in the 40 years after Prince Albert's death, the theater often came to her in the form of professional troupes, household pantomimes and plays performed in several languages by her numerous progeny (including Red Riding Hood) with the future Prince of Wales as *ein Wolf*.

While English playwriting was at one of its lowest points during her long reign — Wilde and Shaw appeared only toward the end and she never saw their work or possibly heard of it — Mr. Rowell gives a well-intentioned if unconvincing argument that Victoria's interest in spectacle in general helped revive the theater. Certainly, public reaction against the French in the revolutionary year 1848 ("Is This The Time To Call Upon The English Nation To Support a French Company?" asked The Theater Journal) obliged the queen to support the local product.

In any case, French drama was not to her taste. Although impressed by Rachel in "Phedre," she thought little of the play: "French tragedy is not pleasing, and extremely unnatural." She had enjoyed Charles Kemble playing Hamlet at the age of 66, but the French actor Frederick Lemaire, playing Ruy Blas at 52, was "very old, without a tooth in his head, which renders him scarcely intelligible."

Catholic Taste

The queen's taste was catholic, energetic and sometimes rather trying. She was a lifelong lover of circus so the management of Drury Lane put on a lion act after Rossini's "William Tell" as a sure means of holding her attention.

She saw Tom Thumb and felt sorry for

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him, liked a music-hall performer named Frederick Robson ("His song, terminating with the refrain Diddle doo, diddle dum, quite haunts us") and her favorite Shakespeare play was "King John."

Above all, the queen loved music. Her happiest evenings were spent singing to Prince Albert's piano accompaniment. At the age of 72 she still danced gracefully: "light airy steps in the old country fashion," Sir Henry Ponsonby noted, "no limp or stick but every figure carefully and prettily danced." The opera "I Puritani" was always "dear Puritan" to the queen, for she saw it first with the young German prince she later married.

Bellini was her favorite, followed by Donizetti and later by Meyerbeer. She didn't care much for Rossini, had little experience of Verdi although she liked "Il Trovatore" ("the music is infinitely superior to anything I have heard by Verdi"). She respected Mozart but found "The Magic Flute" "too simple, trivial and rather absurd for our times" while "Così Fan Tutte" was too long. She did not like "The Marriage of Figaro" but came to admire "Don Giovanni." She saw

her first performance of Wagner, Jean de Reszke in "Lohengrin," in celebration of her 80th birthday. "I was enchanted."

Shrewd Judge

As queen, Victoria was well aware that she was a spectacle herself and became a shrewd judge of audience reaction when she went to the theater; her comments even suggest that she was rather good at milking applause. When Napoleon III made an official visit and they attended the opera, "I led the Emperor forward, making it as clear as I could that he was the principal person on this occasion." The French ruler's visit had been without problems: The Waterloo Chamber at Windsor, for example, had to be hastily rechristened the Portrait Gallery.

Perhaps the best measure of Victoria's enthusiasm for spectacle, and of her extraordinary physical resistance, was the number of times she went to the theater. In 1854 she calculated she had been "25 times to the Play, 13 times to the French play (and *opera comique*), 14 times to the New Opera." She saw Dion Boucicault's version of "The Corsican Brothers" five times in two months, "King Lear" three times in one summer and three of Bellini's operas ("Norma," "I Puritani," "La Sonnambula") some 20 times each over a period of 25 years. She enjoyed "Hamlet" in German and during a four-and-a-half-hour performance of "The Winter's Tale," "we hardly noticed the length of time."

Queen Victoria's early mentor, Lord Melbourne, had scant interest in the theater, once saying of an MP who had written a play, "He writes plays and I don't think a man who writes plays is ever good for much else." In further reproach Lord Melbourne added, "And he is a friend of Wordsworth."

The queen, it is clear, paid no attention to Melbourne's scorn. Late in life she wrote after a performance, as if in summary of a lifetime's pleasurable theatergoing, "All the cleverness and wit of it." She was after all, it is nice to think, often amused.

PEOPLE: Comedian Pryor Given Jokes-or-Jail Choice

Nixon's arrival, and by the time he left the crowd had grown to about 400, many of them greeting him with loud boos. At the closed ceremony, watched by reporters on closed-circuit television in another NYU building, Nixon eulogized Bobo as "a true and loyal friend in good times and also in bad times."

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With his wife in the Library of Congress and his church legally recognized in Maine, the Bishop of the Temple of Bacchus said that his religion will offer everything from "divine feasts" to catered weddings. "We hope to begin serving the divine feasts the first week of October," Bishop H. Carlisle Estes, founder of the church devoted to the Roman god of wine, drinking and revelry, said in Wells, Maine. He said more than 100 people have already joined his church and made donations. He said the "Book of Bacchus" he wrote has been accepted by the Library of Congress and assigned a Library of Congress number. Estes, who was ordained by the Universal Life Church, which sells the documents by mail, said he had a "divine revelation" to found his temple after local officials refused to grant him permission to open a restaurant.

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Former first lady Betty Ford has begun about a month's recovery from plastic surgery to remove face and neck wrinkles. Mrs. Ford, 60, underwent a 5½-hour operation by Dr. M.R. Mazaheri Thursday at the Eisenhower Medical Center in Palm Desert, Calif., to remove puffiness under her eyes and lift and tighten the skin around her neck.

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An Illinois composer said that the Bee Gees pirated a song he wrote and copyrighted in 1975 — turning it into "How Deep Is Your Love," featured in "Saturday Night Fever." Ronald Selle of Chicago said that he wrote the music three years ago and offered it unsuccessfully to several record companies — one of which was Warner Bros., which now is publishing the sheet music. Selle wants unspecified financial compensation and a ban on the records. Defendants, in addition to the Bee Gees brothers — Barry, Robin and Maurice Gibb — include Warner Bros., Paramount Pictures, and several others who have had a hand in distributing the tune.

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Austria Price Index Up

VIENNA, Sept. 15 (AP-DJ) — Austria's consumer price index registered 110.2 in August, up 0.6 percent from July and up 3.6 percent from a year earlier, the statistics bureau said today. The index is based on 1976 equals 100 and is seasonally adjusted.

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